

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

Investigation by the Department on its Own
Motion as the Propriety of the Rates and
Charges Set Forth in M.D.T.E .No.14

Docket No.06-61

**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF
AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. AND SBC LONG
DISTANCE, LLC, d/b/a AT&T LONG DISTANCE**

AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. (“AT&T”), with a business address of 99 Bedford Street, Suite 420, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, respectfully petitions for leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding pursuant to Order of Notice of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”), dated July 17, 2006.

The grounds for this Petition are as follows:

1. AT&T is a common carrier of telecommunications services authorized by the Department to provide intrastate interexchange and local telecommunications services in Massachusetts.
2. As an local carrier in the telecommunications market in Massachusetts, AT&T’s interests are substantially and specifically affected because we purchase services based on the discounts that Verizon proposes to lower by this tariff amendment.
3. No other existing party’s participation can adequately represent the interests of AT&T.
4. Further, AT&T’s participation will enhance the Departments’s consideration of issues in this docket.

5. AT&T will be represented in this docket by counsel, as follows:

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6. If its petition should be granted, AT&T requests that all papers filed in this proceeding be served on counsel and also served upon the following person;

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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, AT&T respectfully requests that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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